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and Travis county.

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dollars a year occupation tax, he quietly,

by adventurers that appeal successfully to

Demagogues are compelled to confess the

resence of the evil; but are always amend-

ing charters and pretending to inaugurate

reforms in municipal institutions conscious

in tasking those rulers who pay the cost of

naintaining municipal systems. Such is the

city or town, where the rabble is potent,

not exercise it, and thus the condition of

towns, once prostrated, grows steadily

MEXICO AND TEXAS.

THE DEVIL IN NEW YORK. The biggest contract of the year has been executed by Moody and Sankey, who propose to expel the devil from New York. They drove him out of London and set all England singing "Hold the Fort" and "Only an armor bearer," pious, godly and homely ditties, and now they have turned the beerjerkers and dancing girls and menagerie out of the Hippodrome to fill it with sinners to be transformed into saints. The process has been begun, and the fortunes of the two emarkable men, the Whitfield and Wesley and Luther of our time, will reap, we would fain hope, a rich harvest of souls. In view of the terrible disgrace and horrible shame that has befallen Christianity in Brooklyn, that makes Christendom bow its face in shame, we must all confess that there is seemingly the intervention of a special providence in sending the worderful evangelists, at this peculiar juncture, into the splendid abode of iniquity in which the press has become the only conservator of public and private morals. The church, we are sorry to say, has lost caste. Onderdonks and Beechers and Kallochs, and vices of riches and fashion, have made the advent of the simple, unpretending followers of Christ into Gotham an event to be watched with a degree of interest somewhat akin to that with which we still contemplate the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. The Herald greets the evangelists kindly and tells them frankly that if they mean to overthrow the devil in New York they must strike from the shoulder. Wherever his influence is felt it must be assailed. The time has come to tear up root and branch and burn as in a stubble-fire all remnants of sin and hypocrisy. If these evangelists mean to give merely a minstrel show, eloquent talk, sweet singing and no more, the Hippodrome might as well be thrown open to Barnum's elephants and Gilmore's fiddlers and beer carriers for all the real Christian good that will result. The good men who surround Moody and Sankey and hold up their hands hope for better things. We may find much to criticise-superficial Dr. T. DeWitt Ta'nage: "Friend Smith's a Method let, but his planos are all orthostox; you ought to hear mine talk and sing."

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the Christian church in its palmiest days of

power and purity and glory, beneficent

effects must be felt everywhere in America,

and in this centennial year there may be

a religious awakening and reproduction of

original public and private morals that

shaped the conduct of people and govern-

ments in by-gone years. The whole coun-

try will therefore watch with keen inter-

est the fortunes of the great revivalists now

holding their levees in Barnum's Hippo-

WHAT WE WANT.

government, and the quarries, three miles

above Austin along the banks of the spark-

ling Colorado, will become the scene of

active industry for a multitude of quarriers

and stone-cutters. Here, too, is water

power more limitless and more readily util-

ized than that which has made Lowell in

the North, and Augusta and Columbus, Ga.,

in the South, the richest, bus:est and most

productive of American cities. There are

cedar forests along the river and covering

the mountain sides never utilized, and the

world deems us barbarians who use the ma-

terial of which God's temple of old was

constructed as common fuel, building

fences with it and destroying a great forest

each year almost in the suburbs of the

capital. There is not a bucket or tub made

and railways to furnish skilled industry

refreshing winds blow perennially from

is never as intense as in the cities of the

and cotton fields we have here collocated

every favorable variety of temperature, at-

and forests, fish and game, where near-

ly all useful vegetation grows or can be

grown. The New York Sun says that be-

cause of defects of Southern systems of in-

white labor. In part, this is to be attrib-

uted to the negro's ignorance, indolence

and an innate or habitual want of forecast

and ambition; and, in part, to his antago-

manent and sctive exertion and plan.

Therefore, the large portion of the whites.

clamor for white immigrants and laborers

The condition of Mexico can never be pers. They have editors distinguished mainly for their excitability and devoted to most exalted sensationalism. "A revolution" in Mexico, the most terrible of the work will not be for a day but for all time. last ten years, is hardly more destructive or cent revolts and strikes in the coal mines of ing more terrible than a speech from Dick Hubbard or a railroad message from Governor Coke, and while Dias and Cortina are awful and imposing when viewed at a distance, the revolts in which they may figure capable of doing all that it proposes. are, in fact and on the spot, the veriest trifles. Lerdo is a wise and temperate and just ruler. He is anxious for peace and formed to that of moral reasoning of our with great simplicity. prosperity of his people, and while his gov- structionist, Reverdy Johnson, who felt ernment is undergoing the sure process of dead the other day at Annapolis, believed spot. There are mountains and deep glens silver and sugar and coffee fields, but until welfare. This authority, if shackled with and broad, fertile plains and the river's ex- we have digested Cuffee would imbibe no nice distinctions, would deprive the govuberant valley. There is stone, the best Mexican aguardiente. It is well enough to ernment of powers most essential to its for building purposes in America, easily accept as an admixture progressive popula- wholesome operation. The legality of an quarried, cheaply wrought, and only made tions of Europe; but as few mestizes as pos- act appropriating money for the Centennial somewhat costly by that unworthy selfish- sible should be injected into American pop- must rest, be thinks, not upon express, but ness which sometimes afflicts towns and re- ulations. As American States, those of implied power-the same implied authority day mentioned Lord Byron, his beauty and stricts the action of railways. But this ob- Mexico would be intolerable; as provinces, which enabled Congress to appropriate talents, and the sighs and glances which struction to progress and repuision of toil- they would corrupt thoroughly and hope- money for the relief of those whose prop-

broader intelligence injected into local ernment.

with others, some time ago, robbed the be literally interpreted, the United States defined the two great gulfs which, accordbank at Quincy. The burglars divided would be without powers essential to its ing to the poet himself, separated him from \$84,000 among themselves and buried \$350,000 in bonds in a culvert near sion of a petty municipality. Chambers Junction, Indiana. All the junctions in those parts will soon be undermined. The thieves also buried \$20,000 in trict of New York say, in their resolutions, diamonds on the Iron Mountain road, near that the party everywhere, insprimary as-Booneville. The dying man, after making semblies as well as in State and district conthese revelations, kicked the beam and ventions, should announce its preference at her feet. went out. His disclosures will quite upset for some candidate for the Presidency. By for a space the equanimity of the Boone- no other means can a national convention villeins, who, abandoning the sober pur- so accurately determine the course of popusuits of productive industry, will sally lar opinion and the preference of the party. forth with spades and mattocks and dig up The same policy should be adopted in the road-beds of all the railroads in the Texas. This Sixth District of New York neighborhood. We have no idea that either nominates Tom Hendricks for the Presisonds or diamonds will be found, and after dency and S. S. Cox for the Vice crest- to this event." sufficient search the conclusion may be dency. The latter because, as the convenreached that the burglar was a monomaniac, tien asserts, "he would be the best presidor that he wanted to depart from this vale ing officer the Senate ever had." The which inspiration was ever clothed upon of tears, in which he had walked neither STATESMAN thus finds its assertions of Mr. earth." wisely nor well, with a little immediate Cox's worth, when we wished to make him eclat. But in the event of nothing being Speaker of the House, approved by those discovered at the points indicated, the peace of mind of Chambers Junction, Indipeace of mind of Chambers Junction, Indi-ana, and Booneville, Missouri, will be hope-a location. Denison made the best propo-trees of Pisa—I thought she would have exmosphere, soil, minerals, stone, water lessly destroyed for generations, and dreams sition but the people repudiated it, and pired the day after Byron died upon the their inhabitants, as they continue to addle proposition be considered. We are still of the heads of Long Island Sound villagers the opinion that the college can well afford turn no more! * * I could never have dustry there exists an universal demand for dered unfortunates living. There is a natural disposition, in human minds of a certain texture, to believe in stories of hidden treasure, how visionary and improbable status. He has also a repugnance to imfortune that these persistent and perishing of Austin. proved culture, improved implements, useburglars won't either confess in time to superintend their own discoveries or else go out of life making no sign.

NOW WE WILL HAVE FUN. The Corsicana Index, referring to the deshould hereafter become in part, at least, the nomination at Galveston was made; them or not, with honors and offices. roprietary, as well as largely manual. Governor Coke saying that no one had the In Lors of Pen Acres or more, to sait Purposeers. I class of immigrants that are not only skill-having reference to his retention of the having reference to his retention of the sait of the city of Austin, and has been so bits bit of keeping pace with progress and of Governor's office. Governor Coke is always ga bloody-shirt convention has been so bits bit of keeping pace with progress and of Governor's office. Real Estate and Financial Agent, Austin, Texas. to the Rio Grande and across Mexico to the last, even without an Index from Corsicans. ! calism.

Pacific should be made known everywhere, THE New York Herald sticks to its belief Lord Byron-The Story of the Great Eng- first received her devotion with complacen- will. Should the new system be adopted and this copy of the STATESMAN sent into that Grant will hold the next Republican every town and village east of the Missis- National Convention in the hollow of his sippi would do infinite service to Austin hand. It says:

"It is just as sure this day as it will ever be that Ulysses S. Grant will be re-nominated for President at Cincinnati on Wed-The Dallas Herald says "that although the perchant may ostensibly pay twenty-five that his wish is not fixed and firm.

How can it be otherwise! The South, and perhaps properly, transfers its payment ducer pays it after all, the merchant being Grant in the nominating convention, and the bill, and the merchants are simply the the people have lost control of it, in the and noblest poets who ever lived. agency through which this tax is gathered. hollow of his hand, and, as he chooses, will The Herald should have added that the either be nominated or designate the nomi- the first time for love, the second from mofarmer or producer not only refunds the nee of his party. Whisky, offices, blacks, her first husband, Lord Carmarthen. From tax to the merchant but pays interest and the army and the banks now have absolute this resulted a lawsuit, and from that a diprofit on the tax which is added to the cortrol of the Republican party, and the vorce. The divorce was followed by a marme cost of the goods. Therefore it is good that is in it is impotent, and Grant is risge with his victim. The fruit of this commonly argued, since all taxes fall finally supreme master of its destinies. Then the union was Augusta, the elder sister of the on the producers of the country, that it Democratic leaders seem incapable of wise poet, and by him most tenderly beloved. ould cost them less if all taxation were action. Blaine has surely carried his point married a second time, to Catherine Gorenues, and this is certainly true in munici- rag money question seems impossible, and pal governments in which the State and the people will forget disgust, through its courts protect life and right and liberty wearmess of the knaveries in crooked while the local government deals only with whisky; and if there be not wise manageproperty. And yet here m Texas the nonment and proper issues presented, the good taxpaying rabble constitutes the balance of cannot be separated from the evil of domipower in towns and counties and here, as nant Republicanism, and the Republic, in in the older States, demagogues so shape its hundredth year, becomes the Empire. legislation that principle and right are vio-

lated and the whole country is plundered to Huntington and is his paid organ, and the prejudices of this nomadic voting mob. that there is but one recourse, which consists viduals; the STATESMAN'S may affect the uselessness of the privilege of suffrage in a that decent people set no value on it and do worse. The new Constitution perpetuates their wealth at Galveston than in St. Louis aware of his passions, with all the tenderand Philadelphia, So plain is this propoanteeing the adoption of the new Constituand most potent in America, and, therefore,

would promote by every possible means the time. Even that staunch, old, strict coning populations will soon be obviated by lessly our whole system of republican gov- erty had been destroyed by an earthquake, A thief has just died at Evansville who, says, that if the latter instrument were to

who know him best. .

AUSTIN COLLEGE has a lively time getting

voters into the traces and keeping the lines claration that Governor Coke is to be rebe agricultural, but, in a large proportion, skilled in all the mechanical and artisan industries. Household female employees also are numerously required.

The insufficiency of the present revenue state from a large proportion, system is shown in the fact that the occupation ship, says that such a concession was expensed white lasor should not only be insufficiency of the present revenue state from and his sojourn at Cadiz, the Spanish history in a large proportion, skilled in all the mechanical and artisan in dustries. Household female employees also ship, says that such a concession was expensed white lasor should not only be fore the matter of ple have no right to think in matters of registics. They must follow blindly the the register of the present revenue shown in the fact that the occupation is sh "The immigrant labor to the South pressly repudiated by his Excellency before vest these leaders, whether they deserve Byron—who showed himself so keenly sen- out of the hands of the Comptroller, and

class of immigrants that are not only skillals ful and industrous, but intelligent, capathe class of expense pace with progress and of
thinking and planning for themselves."

Facts like these affecting the fortunes of
the city and the coming of the laternational
to the Rio Grande and across Mexico to the

The proposition made not many days ago
in Washington to hold another Chattanooin Washington t

lish Poet as Told by the First Scholar

In his sketchy preface to Emilio Castelar's somewhat remarkable treatise on the taken a year after the union made him an Poet Byron, Senor Jose Roman Leal denesday, June 14, 1876, if he wishes, and we friendship, has seen buried in the hunchallenge the production of any evidence gry jaws of death the friends of his childgood-whoever has ardently longed for the Countess Guiccioli. ineffable joys of home, and his family has denied him its pleasure-whoever, in a terrepresented in the Republican National rible disgust of life, has sought to deaden to the farmer by a small additional percent. Convention by carpet-baggers and blacks, his pain, and suffered himself to be drawn formed by Byron with Margherita, a Vene n' the price of his goods. Thus the pro- will give the solid vote of fifteen States for into the whirpool of sensual pleasure, the tian woman, and one of the people, though inevitable consequences of which are relitis always made to appear that such in morse, shame and opprobrium-whoever amoratas flung themselves at the man. out the medium through which this tax is then the sixty-five thousand officeholders has endured sorrow wishout consolationollected. Merchants pay to the govern- and twenty-three bundred banks and Orton's whoever has wept without being underment larger duties on tobacco, coffee and egar, but the consumer eventually foots the office of President, to the extent that to which we owe one of the strangest spirits

"The father of Byron was twice married, "Becoming a widower, Byron's father was

direct and none indirect. Then produ- and managed to inject a false issue into don. From this marriage sprang the great cers should alone expend government reve the coming correct. The exclusion of the poet, begotten in sorrow, from under a decaying roof tree, made wretched by continual matrimonial dissensions." The harsh and cruel treatment, indifference and neglect Lady Byron experienced at her husband's hands, whom she always tender-

ly loved, may, or should, explain in part he cynicism and coldness of her later years, though one can see in all her bitter disappointments palliative circumstances to excuse the coldness with which she met the passion of that one heart who had so much need of a mother's love and sympathy. "Torn at last from the bosom of his

that itself is not the paid organ of Scott. mother, who had well nigh been his se-The lawyer that accepts a fee and is in dead | pulcher, who was this being destined to fly toward infinity, had one foot contracted. the STATESMAN, with this difference, mark spendthrift father; this assassin uncle; this old. you, that the lawyer's action affects indi- mother embittered by disappointment, the sweetness of whose sex had been pierced by or later it will be known, however, that it this decay of the illustrious line, which threatened extinction to its lost representais only the corruptibility of the STATESMAN's tive; this accidental lameness, to which the enemies that suggests the charge that it is cruel shaft of ridicule made him keenly senbought by Huntington, even as :t was al- sitive-all these influences, acting on a natgitimately it is sure to leak out, and we are poet: "Mary Duff was the Beatrice of Bynot distant when every Texan will know the girl and the friends of both houses ridithat it were better for the State to have the | culed him; but Byron continued to love her whole California system of roads discharge sadly and seriously, without being himself

ness and purity of childhood." sition that it can only be answered by the some of his earliest verses were dedicated. This was the "Highland Maid" to whom outcry, "corruption! corruption!" It is Tom While a mere boy he became unfortunately Scott who captured Rutabagaism by guar- enamored of Miss Chaworth, between whose tion, and thus he seized its exponents by the throat, who, for a time, were delighted long standing—his uncie, the nead of the Byron family, having killed an uncle of Miss Chaworth, and head of her family. with the propositions of the powerful Cail- These unhappy circumstances naturally bred forms and Texas corporation, the richest an estrangement between the two. The beautiful heiress of the Chaworth family was then sixteen-two years older than her devoted lover.

Byron regarded Mary Chaworth with a devotional ardor, which he himself described

"The girl sometimes treated him cruelly who had the pleasure of encircling the waist regeneration and reform, and his people that there is constitutional authorit; for the which Byron could not approach without a are slowly educated in the art of self-gov- government to appropriate money for the nervous trembling, as if he had been struck ernment, no irrepressible raider like Cortina Centennial Exhibition in that portion of the by lightning. While the happy girl waltzed within the single county of Travis, divided in its very midst by a beautiful river, and no bands of thieves, however annoyConstitution which gives it power to levy that its violent beating would be heard there is every favorable variety of tempera- ing, could justify the United States in taxes, etc., and to borrow money without through the saloons. And, though he ture and soil for the production of three making war in order to dismember Mexico. limitation as to amount to pay debts, and never formally declared himself, he was unsuccessive crops, each year, upon the same We may yearn for cotton and gold and provide for the common defense and general derstood. She well knew how to sound

girlish caprice and coquetry on her part, as it is nearly certain that she never really they had observed directed toward Miss Chaworth, and without being in the least disconcerted, and with all the serenity of perand to establish and support an Agricultural fect indifference, she uttered the following Department, for which no express provision | cruel sentence: 'You offend me in thinkis made in the Constitution. He further ing I can possibly be interested in that boy

-that cripple. prosperity, and be reduced to the dimen- happiness-his youth and his infirmity-

> one with the sensibility of Byron, loving as he loved-this harsh judgment "from the His enemies and one or two severe critics

> have assumed this to have been a mawkish sentiment with Byron, and that to have married Mary Chaworth would not have made a better man of him. "In 1805 the one so deeply beloved was married to Mr. John Musters. The love

and the anguish of the poet are easily seen At the stormiest period of his life, Byron met the Countess Guiccioli, "whom Quinet

numbered as one of the leveliest forms in Countess Guiccioli, after having smiled upon Lord Byron at Venice, after having brought him to Ravenna, after pensive meetings and wanderings with him along the banks

of buried treasure will addle the heads of Sherman has no competition unless our Grecian shores. What more remained for her on earth? Why, when the mysterious concerning the hidden gold of Kidd, who to give Austin twenty or thirty thousand believed that death would have snatched has robbed more fools dead than he plun- dollars for the privilege of settling down away the great poet and spared the Coun-

"But what did the Countess Guiccioli" stone on a beautiful river, in the midst of She lived. And not only did she live, but soever, and to act on such belief with a mountains. Leave the question of location to all France, the Manufield Reliant continuing and wasteful and fruitless stu to these who must send boys to college and not only did she marry, but, on becoming a tor of France, the Marquis de Boissy. And pidity. So that it is rather a public mis- there will be perfect unanimity in behalf widow, she wrote a book upon Lord Byron, tions, probably, but tedious like all diffuse apologies. I have gone over twelve hundevil of the party, it is then that he begins dred pages of her work without finding any to rose about party lines, and whipping new information, or even a single ray of inspiration. The heavens have refused it to this Marquise, this wife of a French Senastraight. It's so comfortable for the driver, tor, who covers with bright flowers and you know, to have a well broken team. with shining silk the skeleton of her lover!"

sible of the valor of the Spaniards—why did until there is a thorough reformation in the God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth Room in the least have excited the greed he not also appreciate the virtue of Spanish management of the revenue system very in You? women?'

and protected by the Legislature, radical

In marrying the Puritanic Miss Milbanke, reforms will be effected. Byron out the black seal on his life. She never properly knew him, and her fatal step exile and a debauchee. Passing over his

As exemplifying the fascinations of the poet and his great popularity with women, Castelar devotes some pages to an intimacy "She was tall, her shoulders broad, and

nost to folly, but was jealous to madness. extra charges that can be collected are the She carressed Lord Byron and she mal

The influence, it is said, that this fierce resture exercised over the poet seems totaly inexplicable, as she was utterly lacking u refinement, "and could neither read no

This person, cunning in her infirmity, intercepted Byron's letters, and had others made. Mr. James Browne, the very effiread them to her, determined he should have "The friends who visited Lord Byron at

this time did not recognize him. His wasted form and his pallid face gave him the appearance of a corpse, animated only by the illiancy of his fatally beautiful eyes. It was at this time, and to save him from hese tormenting, but passing affections, that the young and beautiful Teresa (Guic-

Castelar clothes their acquaintance and ntimacy with sentiment and romance, stripping it of much of the revolting vulgarity and effrontery which other historians fling In 1819, "Teresa was weary of festivities,

and Byron was tired of women.' The cold and flippant character developed by this woman after the death of the poet earnest on either side of a case indifferent. Thus he was a cripple in childhood. This was undoubtedly passionately fond of him; ly is, then, neither better nor worse than stormy fireside; this rebellious birth; this however, the was then but eighteen years of these facts, the returns of each county and two hundred houses of ill-fame in St.

the thorns of her sorrow; this blood, boil- how to die. And teaching him to die for fortuses of the commonwealth. The law- ing and sgitated like the troubled seas over many, instead of living for himself alone, yer might be blameless, when the STATES | which wandered the Normans; the cradle she secured to his name the most glorious MAN would be tearfully culpable. Sooner rocked by despair and watered by tears; of transformations-martyrdom, and to his immortality the noblest of all temples-the heart of the people. Teresa could have lands back taxes are due. This is an im-Isabel of Segura, like Sappho-if she had preserved forever, under the pines of Italy, leged, even by a Grange meeting and Col. urally sensitive nature, inspired the eternal elegy embodied in his verses, like the conthese progressive calamities, and patriots DeMorse, that we were the hirelings of Tom tinuation of the first bitter cry of his ex-Scott. If the STATESMAN gain money ille- istence." Speaking of the precocity of the eight she was a wealthy old Marchioness who flung an ill-considered book upon the willing to bide our time, and the time is ron, his first love at the age of twelve years. poet's grave. * * * Greece will eternally count Byron among her poets and her "There is no tragedy comparable to the

tragedy of Byron's own heart," the historian says, in summing up the man and poet. And again: "It is true that his position and his family honors contributed much to be seen how much land has been returned her lap without blushing. Toward the his success-that is, his hereditary dignity, Peers. But it is also true that he made his family and Byron's existed a deadly feud of own sorrows those of his age. His was a long standing-his uncle, the head of the strange history and genealogy. His uncle had killed one of his relatives. His father stole his first wife and deceived his second, the mother of Lord Byron. She died of a stroke of apoplexy, brought on by a fit of given his first affections all died young, lesolating his youth. The woman for whom he felt his earliest love married another, and the recollection of this childish | the system of assessment and collection very return to his country. He became enamored of a celebrated authoress, (Lady Caroline Lamb) and this love was to him a fountain

of disgrace and calamity.
"He married and his wife abandoned him. influence of her father.

country cursed him. In Italy he became transformed by the ardent kisses of her sun;

"Can anything be more sad than this his-

for thou hast loved much." COVERNMENT ITEMS. Comptroller's Office.

Hon. S. A. DARDEN, Comptroller. W. A. PITTS, Chief Clerk. The annual report of the Comptroller now in press. After its publication we will be enabled to give some interesting matter concerning his department. By an accurate undervaluations of property in the assess-investigation we are at present able to give ments for the year 1874, which are not only

the following general statistics: Total value of taxable proper-

ty assessed in the State for 1875.... State tax..... 1,254,354 Poll tax.... 198,322 future, and thereby greatly increase the rev-Miles of railroad in the State assessed for taxes, 1875.....

owned by railroads upon which taxes are paid Number of acres of lands as sessed in the State for 1875 ... Value of lots assessed in the There are 838, 232 horses in the State, valued at There are 3,184,904 head of cattle in the State, valued at There are 2,601.071 head of sheep, valued at

Money on hand or at interest Merchandise....

pany A slight study of the working of the rev

one system shows that very deep errors he at the bottom of it and tend constantly to make it meffective. To our personal knowledge Comptroller Darden has time and again laid facts before the Legislature lars; all books to the value of fifty dollars; and asked for the passage of such acts as would place it in his power to make the system more effectual, but as yet the required legislation is lacking. Coming legerty. slatures will do Texas a great service by giving this subject earnest attention, and Below we give some points of interest

subject of reforms: OCCUPATION TAXES.

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INEQUALITY OF ASSESSMENTS

The great and crying evil of the revenue

system is insufficient and unequal assess-

ments. It permeates all departments, State,

According to the laws of 1845, the col-

ASSESSMENTS.

proximate pleasure instead of distress,

BACK TAXES.

lands, running through a long series of

ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

troller, in a late circular to revenue officers,

"My attention has been called to gross

frauds upon the State and counties, but im-

positions upon the honest taxpayers who

fair value. A strict and impartial dis-

charge of the duties imposed upon you by

law will prevent such undervaluations in

enue of the State and counties.
"Your attention is also called to the large

amount of real and personal property which

ful discharge of your duty in calling upon each taxpayer and administering to him or

her the oath prescribed by law before re-

as well as for the year 1876; but all rendi-

should be returned on supplemental rolls sep-arate from the general roll for the year in

EXEMPTIONS.

and instruments used in any trade or pro-

fession to the value of fifty dollars; all

safes and furniture to the value of fifty dol-

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changed their ways. There was a hope, however, that America, while rearing a nation that si ould blend the characteristics of many peoples, would more nearly attain perfection than any other, but it was a very bigoted nation as yet. See what a "Whoever has sighed for intimate many adventures in Venice, the historian counties, cities and towns. With this evil cry is raised because Victoria Woodhull comes to the last great epoch of Byron's remedied, the revenues will go rapidly in heart-life; his meeting with Teresa, the advance of disbursements. As evidence: that a woman should own her own body. Galveston county, last year, returns as its Medical authorities said that not a sound poll tax only \$1336, when it is well known man, woman or child fived on the face of that there are over 3000 voters in the the earth to-day, though the Bible said the human body was the temple of God. What a temple was this, and why was its architecture so corrupted. The answer was hard. We had in the land 250,000 prostitutes, whose average life was only four years. It was the fast young men, the dissatisfied husbands, the senators, the representatives and the church dignitaries that supported these women. Every fifteen

lectors were allowed to demand payment for mileage. We are unable to assert that such payments are in any instances deyears a million of virgin daughters were usual costs of suit when taxes are collected sacrificed because their mothers dared not teach them that the human body was the temple of God. There were 165,000 insane Under the old systems in use at the Compin the country, and not one State but that might boast of the number of its idiots and troller's office prior to 1871, the records were so cumbrous and so poorly arranged criminals. There was not one public instithat the assessments of property throughtution in the world to teach a child the sanctity of its own body. For two hunout the counties were most imperfectly dred years gentlemen, and even ladies, had cient gentleman in charge of the tax departdiscussed the best methods of breeding ment, has for years been making a deep stock, but mothers could not consider how study of efficient systems, and, be it said to raise their own families. Prejudice had to his credit, had the Legislature pursued been so strong that this had been a such reasonable policy of expenditure as forbidden subject. Some progress was has been necessary, at this time the records making, however, and this was being of this department would be in such a condition as to make the entire record of astion of the day. Nature was so true sessments and payments of taxes so plain to herself that she stamped every and simple as to be understood perfectly by man with her own image and a mother had the most superficial observer. Prior to the power to stamp upon her unborn child 1871, the assessment rolls had been kept in grand and noble aspirations or the reverse. a multiplicity of books, the lands of all the It was a vital question and one to be settled counties being mixed up in the records in by the intelligent mothers of the nation. such a way as to make a satisfactory inves- The first and only crime the Woodhull had tigation of returns quite next to impossi- ever committed was to ask that the same ble. For the last five years the laborious purity be demanded from men that they deduty of compiling and arranging the remanded from women, and that every man turns from each county has been going on who seduces one of woman's daughters be under great difficulties, owing to an insuffi-ciency of clerical force, and means to de-down into shame. People were shocked to fray other necessary expenses. Yet, in view know that there were three thousand saloons for a long number of years back have been Louis. Some of these houses were very el placed in separate and distinct books, by egant, but they were nothing compared In fine, she showed him which the labor of investigation has been with the lecherous palaces at Washington. lessened to such an extent as to make it ap- London, Paris and all Christendom could afford nothing to match the extravagant gorgeousness of the brothels of the capital A new set of books have been opened where American Congressmen met. with the view of ascertaining upon what

reviled and unreasonably misrepresente portant matter, involving millions of reve- Said she, "You had an idea that I have nue to the State, and the counties. An ac- been preaching just such lives as you have count is opened with every tract of land in been living. That was too much, and you the State, but owing to insufficiency of couldn't stand it. But it isn't true." Phyclerical force at command these accounts sicians said there was no hope for our young bave at present been made to embrace only men, because there were no mothers in the the years from 1871 to 1875, inclusive. land who had courage to teach their sons These tracts are properly designated under the truths of nature. different columns of entry with the abstract | vulgar in nature, but American women had number of title, number of acres, original a great deal of false modesty. In Paris la-grantee, by whom owned, rendered and the dies and gentlemen could criticise statuary number of acres owned by each person. that was true to nature-no fig leaves about This system, while its arrangement has it-without embarrassment. But in Amerbeen attended with much labor, promises ica-well, the speaker had seen a mother the most pleasant results. At a view it can that couldn't take her naked boy-baby in upon each original tract, by whom ren- close, Mrs. Woodhull gave a vivid descripdered, and the process of controling the tion of her sufferings and feelings while i payment of these back taxes becomes sim- durance vile, and asked the people that had ple. It is to be regretted that the narrow- helped macadamize such a pathway for herminded policy of legislatures has not per- self and sister to strew a few flowers in her mitted this system to be applied to all way now.

The Treasures of Antiquity the Garmans

A specimen of book-keeping, prepared and recommended for adoption by the Comptroller, can be seen at the Comptroller's of fice, which, if put into practice, must make passion filled his heart with bitterness. He simple. By the adoption of this system it scarcely met any one to receive and welcome is proposed to use duplicate books for each additions to the store of the treasures of his rising giory in the day that he first en- county, one for use in the county, and the Grecian antiquities. By an agreement with tered the House of Lords. Criticism was other for record at the Comptroller's office. the Greek government, ratified last year, severe upon him. He set out on his travels, The assessments are then to be made com- Germany secured the exclusive right, for and the ruin of his estates obliged him to plete and forwarded to the Comptroller, a term of years, to make excavations at its and thereupon the collector of each county own discretion anywhere in the kingdom of is to be charged with the aggregate amount of the taxes due from each county. The solely in the interests of archæological scireturn will next show to whom the taxes ence, resigning to Greece all claims to the have been paid, and when they have been possession of the objects discovered, leaving He had a daughter, and this daughter grew up and was educated far from the heart and keep down that system of retention of tax Germans only such antiquities as may be remoney in the hands of collectors, when it should be in the treasury of the State. The sted for the excavations by Germs y is muted him her pride and glory, and his Comptroller will then have immediate and \$100,000, and last September they were becomplete supervision over delinquent lists, gun at Olympia, as suggested by the distinand delinquent collectors. Millions of dol- guished archæologist, Ernest Curtius, who, he felt the duty and the necessity of action, lars will then be placed in a condition to thirty years ago, advocated such an expedi took ship and went to help Greece in her struggle for liberty, and, scarcely arrived there, he died!"

there, he died!"

the distance of places in a condition to the struggle for liberty, and, scarcely arrived treasuries of both State and counties. Under this system assessors will be required to statues mentioned by Pausanies have almake their complete returns before they ready been uncarthed, and the total of can expect, and even before they will be the fruits of the opening up of the Olym-"He often wandered from the right path, but he was the echo of an uncertain age. Of him history may write—'I forgive thee, ing legislatures will certainly inaugurate a The description of the temple and adjacent buildings at Olympia, written by Pausanias, method by which it can be put into effect. is more accurate than any which we possess Assessments are required to be given under oath, and officers are liable to a fine of as a guide to the explorers. fifty dollars for each failure to call on own- deposits from the wash of the Olympian ers of property for their assessment; and it Hills, and the overflows of the Alpheus

is also their duty to see that proper'y is as. sessed at its fair market value. The Compface, into which they could not sink, and where they could not be covered by such deposits, would have been destroyed. Paysanias's description informs us that in the era of the Antonines, notwithstand-ing the ravages of a Nero and the destruction and plunder of single works of art, the conscientiously render their property at its treasure house of Olympia had suffered no essential barm. Later, many a treasure may have been carried off to Constantinople; and the Goths, beyond all doubt, let a general metal, and the single portable works of art which were carried away by individuals can annually escapes assessment. It is estima-ted that at least thirty-five millions of acres exhaustable supply which the accumulation of land escaped assessment in 1873 as well of more than eight centuries had collected 1,443,547 as in 1874, and the amount of personal together within this narrow area. That, 66,637,920 is believed to be also and the greatest value, the believed to be also very large. A faith- great monuments of public worship, the temples, with the statues which they con-tained, and finally the records, written on bronze and stone-these are treasures on which we may be sure that neither Romans ceiving rendition of property will result in the rendition and assessment of a very large proportion of the property heretofore unren-dered. Property not rendered for assess-is one of the most interesting architectur

9,287,485 dered and assessed for taxes of those years | ment of our knowledge in regard to it is tions of property for taxes of past years Olympia, however, as Curtius says, will never prove a second Pompeli, for such an abundance of articles pertaining to the household, and of daily use, is not to be looked for, where a city, in the proper sense value are subject to taxation, except tools reveal, on the other hand, what an Italian provincial city could not be expected to afford—a compact group of sacred and public edifices, whose ground plan it will be pos-sible to clearly trace; remains of genuine Greek plastic art, in bronze and marble: and votive offerings, the gifts of states and from each other.

We shall be able to take our bearines on

the soil with which all Pindar's Olympic The Woodhull-What St. Louis Thinks odes pre-suppose an acquaintance; and while elsewhere, even in Athens, we are The Woodhull is a woman of command- surrounded by only local antiquities and ing presence, and when she lectured last touching directly and indirectly upon the week in St. Louis she was attired in an the various regions inhabited by the Greeks; elaborate toilet pulled far back, with roses for we stand upon the intellectual center of

ment in 1875 or prior years may now be ren- works of antiquity, so that every enlarge-

"If any man defile the temple of God,

Greece, and upon the richest archives of find records of the agreements and treaties concluded between different states, which, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of though to us of the greatest value, could